HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 117

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A RESOLUTION to celebrate March 2015 as "Certified Government Financial Manager Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the Nashville Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is a professional organization that is associated with and part of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), which is a network of 15,000 members in more than 100 chapters in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, approximately 510 members, individuals employed as state, federal, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers, are active within this State; and

WHEREAS, AGA Nashville Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of "Advancing Government Accountability," as they have continued their broad educational efforts with an emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character; these members are also making significant advances in both professional ability and service to the citizens of Tennessee through their mastery of increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides for the demonstration of professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have an appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, and to pass a three-part examination requiring expertise in governmental environment, governmental financial management and control, and governmental accounting, financial reporting, and budgeting; and

WHEREAS, the program also requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least eighty hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly recognize and honor the Certified Government Financial Manager program for its impact on the profession of governmental accounting and management in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the Nashville Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants as they celebrate March 2015 as "Certified Government Financial Manager Month" in the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.